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Lesson Forty-seven

A Month Of Tarot Practice

You now possess the fundamental knowledge required for your further progress. You know enough about each Tarot Key to enable you to grasp more advanced instruction. Yet to make Tarot serve you as it should, you need to become even better acquainted with it. In the hands of experts, it is a powerful instrument for self-transformation and self-mastery. *Yet even the greatest adepts in its use once knew less about it than you do now.*

Do not make the mistake of trying to review Tarot Fundamentals at this time. You don't repeat the formula of introduction every time you meet a new acquaintance. No, you watch his behavior every time you see him in a different set of circumstances. You get to know him better by hearing what he says and seeing what he does. So it is with Tarot. The best way to broaden and deepen your knowledge of it is to see it from as many different points of view as possible.

In the course you are now finishing, you have been taught the **alphabet** of a universal language. Through symbol and color you will have developed an increased awareness of your self-conscious and subconscious processes. Many of you will already have had flashes of Superconscious states of being. Having come this far, do not sit down by the wayside in order to attempt greater understanding of the alphabet.

In the next course, Developing Supersensory Powers, you will learn how to use the Tarot Keys in a way that can change your life immeasurably. In Superconscious states, we see many apparently separated aspects of life as a Whole, and the deeper, underlying meaning of many things in our life becomes clear to us. The next course aims at helping you to develop this state of awareness and teaches you how to apply these insights in your daily life. The Meditations given in this lesson will prepare you for the more intensive Tarot training which is to follow.

Remember, you can arrange these twenty two Keys (using them all in each arrangement) no less than one sextillion ways. The exact number is 1, 124, 000, 727, 777, 607, 680, 000. There are innumerable other groupings, in which only part of the series is used. Thus the total number of possible arrangements is practically infinite.

Every combination has its own special meaning, calls forth its own particular subconscious response, and brings to the surface of your mind some fresh perception of relationships between ideas and things. Thus every combination helps you to organize your mind and enables you to knit more closely the fabric of your thought.

In the following pages you will find twenty four combinations. Use one each day, six days a week, beginning the Monday after you receive this lesson. Do no work on Sundays except the recitation of the Pattern.

Begin by picking out the Keys selected for the day. Put them before you.

SUPPLEMENT

Study them carefully in relation to one another. Then read the meditation aloud.

The Meditations have potent suggestive power. Every meditation is completed by a key sentence for the day, printed in capitals. Write this on a slip of paper and carry it with you during the day. As the day passes, repeat it at least three times.

By carrying out this instruction carefully, you will accomplish several desirable results. You will charge your subconsciousness daily with seeds of creative thought. You will also review the entire series of Tarot Keys from a fresh point of view. You will begin to understand from actual experience how wonderfully Tarot can aid you in living the liberated life.

After you have completed the four weeks practice you will be ready to send your answers to the Proficiency Test at the end of this lesson. This will enable you to check your grasp of TAROT FUNDAMENTALS.

The tools are now in your hands. You have learned what they are. You now begin to do the work which will enable you to be what you want to be, do what you want to do, and have everything requisite to that being and doing. From now on, you begin to **live** your daily life more fully in accordance with the principles and laws symbolized by the Tarot Keys. Your feet are firmly planted on the Way of Liberation.

MEDITATIONS

DAY 1: KEYS 0 AND 1

Life limitless flows through me to complete its perfect work. The power which guides all things finds in me an open channel of expression. Receiving that power freely, I freely give to all things and creatures in the field of existence surrounding me.

THROUGH ME LIFE ETERNAL TRANSFORMS ALL THINGS INTO ITS LIKENESS.

DAY 2: KEYS 2 AND 3

The law of truth is written in my heart; all my members are ruled by it. Through my subconsciousness, I am united to the Source of all wisdom, and its light banishes every shadow of ignorance and fear. I share the perfect memory of the Universal Mind, and have free access to its treasures of knowledge and wisdom.

THE PEACE OF THE ETERNAL, AND THE LIGHT OF ITS PRESENCE, ARE WITH ME NOW.

DAY 3: KEYS 4 AND 5

The Mind that frames the worlds is ruler of my thoughts; I listen for its instruction. Through me the One Life sets its house in order, and makes known the hidden meaning of its way and works. It arms me against all appearances of hostility, and by its revelation of truth I meet and solve the problems of this day .

DIVINE REASON GUIDES MY THOUGHT AND DIRECTS MY ACTION, THROUGH THE INSTRUCTION OF THE VOICE OF INTUITION

DAY 4: **KEYS 6 AND 7**

The healing radiance of the One Life descends upon me; it fills the field of my whole personal existence with heavenly influences of strength and peace. All the force of my being is rightly disposed, for I yield myself utterly to the sure guidance of the One Will which governs all things in their true relationships and proportions, and my words, expressing this clear vision, are words of power.

THIS DAY I THINK AND ACT WITH TRUE DISCRIMINATION, FOR MY PERSONALITY IS A VEHICLE FOR THE LORD OF LIFE.

DAY 5: **KEYS 8 AND 9**

My strength is established, and I rejoice, for I am one with the single Source of all power. Nothing is, or can be, my antagonist, for I am a perfectly responsive instrument through which the Primal Will finds free expression. The subtle vibrations of cosmic energy work together for my liberation, and even now the Hand of the Eternal leads me step by step along the way to freedom.

EVERY FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE IS AN OBEDIENT SERVANT OF THE ONE IDENTITY MY OWN TRUE SELF.

DAY 6: **KEYS 10 AND 11**

One power spins electrons round the nucleus of an atom, whirls planets round suns, expresses itself in all cycles of universal activity, yet remains ever itself, and perpetually maintains its equilibrium. The sum-total of the revolutions of the great universe, including all activities, is inseparable from the successive transformations of energy which make up my life history. Every detail of my daily experience is some part of a cosmic cycle of adjustment and transformation.

THE WHIRLING FORCE WHICH MOVES THE WORLDS IS THE MOTIVE POWER IN ALL MY PERSONAL ACTIVITIES, AND ADJUSTS THEM ALL TO RIGHT USES.

DAY 7: **USE THE PATTERN ONLY**

DAY 8: **KEYS 12 AND 13**

I do nothing of myself. These thoughts and words and deeds are but ripening of the seeds of past activities. Every phase of my personal existence depends utterly on the motion of the One Life. Therefore I am free from fate, free from

accident, free even from death, since what I truly am can suffer neither decay nor change. By knowledge of truth I reverse all former pain bearing errors. The darkness of ignorance passes away, and the light of a new day dawns in my heart.

I SUSPEND THE ERROR OF PERSONAL ACTION, AND THUS DISSOLVE THE LIE OF SEPARATION.

DAY 9: KEYS 14 AND 15

Recognizing every detail of my life experience to be the operation of the One Life, I perceive that every appearance of adversity must be, in truth, a mask worn by that same One Life, to test my power to know it, even through the most forbidding veils. Like a wise teacher, the One Life sets me problems, that in the solutions I may receive renewed proofs that nothing whatever may be excluded from the perfect order of the Great Plan.

THAT WHICH WAS AND IS AND WILL BE IS THE ONLY REALITY. THIS DAY I SEE THE FACE OF THE BELOVED BEHIND EVERY MASK OF ADVERSITY.

DAY 10: KEYS 16 AND 17

I am awakened from the nightmare of delusion, and now the truth that God, Man and Universe are but three names for the One Identity, is clear to me. Fear makes some men build them prisons which they call places of safety, but he who has seen the vision of the Beloved has in his heart no room for fear.

I NEED NO BARRIERS OF PROTECTION, FOR THE LIFE OF ALL CREATURES IS MY TRUEST FRIEND.

DAY 11: KEYS 18 AND 19

My feet are set upon the path of liberation, which shall lead me far from the limits of the world of sense illusion. I follow the Way of Return, as a child turns its face homeward at the end of the day. I do not see the end of the road, for it goes beyond the boundaries of my present vision, but I know the sun shines there, and that joy is there, for I have heard the messages of encouragement sent back by those who have gone on ahead.

MY EYES ARE TURNED TO THE HEIGHTS. I PRESS ON TOWARD THE NEW LIFE OF A NEW DAY.

DAY 12: KEYS 20 AND 21

The Life of the heavens is manifested in me, here on earth. The fire of right knowledge burns away the bonds of illusion, and the light of right understanding transforms the face of the world. Through me the Perpetual Intelligence which governs all things administers its Perfect Law.

MINE IS THE LIFE ETERNAL, TREADING THE JOYOUS MEASURE OF THE DANCE OF MANIFESTATION.

DAY 13: KEYS 0, 1 AND 2

This "self consciousness" of mine is the means whereby the cultural power of the One Life may be directed to the field of subconscious activity. Its primary function is that of alert attention. As I watch closely the sequence of this day's events, their meaning will be transmitted to my subconsciousness, there to germinate in forms of right knowledge and right desire.

TODAY I AM ON THE ALERT.

DAY 14: USE THE PATTERN ONLY

DAY 15: KEYS 3, 4 AND 5

My personal world is as I see it. If the images rising from my subconsciousness are consequences of my faulty perceptions of other days, the new knowledge I have gained will help me detect and destroy them. By being thus ever on the watch, I shall set my world in order. Thus, too, shall I make ready to hear the Voice of Intuition, which will enable me to solve my problems when I am face to face with appearances of disorder which my reasoning will not set straight.

I SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE.

DAY 16: KEYS 6, 7 AND 8

Consciousness and subconsciousness work together in my life, as harmoniously balanced counterparts. I yield my whole personality to the directive and protective influx of the One Life. The mighty forces of vibration below the level of my self consciousness are purified and adjusted by the Master Power of which I am a receptive vehicle.

HARMONY, PEACE AND STRENGTH ARE MINE.

DAY 17: KEYS 9, 10 AND 11

The will of the Eternal guides me to perfect union with the One Identity. Every detail of my daily experience is in truth a revelation of that Will through the cycles of its expression. What I do now is inseparable from the cosmic sequences of manifestation which establish the reign of justice throughout creation.

THE ONE POWER, MANIFESTING THE PERFECT ORDER OF THE UNIVERSE, KEEPS ME POISED THROUGH ALL CHANGES.

DAY 18: KEYS 12, 13 AND 14

Every detail of my personal activity is really some part of the operation of the cosmic life. Today I reap the fruit of thoughts and words and deeds of other days, and pass on to better things. I am guided, moment by moment, by the overshadowing presence of the One Identity.

MY PERSONALITY DOES NOTHING OF ITSELF, PASSING FROM STAGE TO STAGE OF ITS GROWTH, BY THE POWER OF THE ONE LIFE, TOWARD THE GOAL OF FREEDOM.

DAY 19: KEYS 15, 16 AND 17

Every appearance of adversity and antagonism is an evidence of faulty vision. Let me be freed today from the delusion of separateness, and let my eyes be opened to the white splendor of the Truth of Being.

I REJOICE IN MY PROBLEMS, FOR THEY STIMULATE MY CONSCIOUSNESS TO OVERCOME ERROR, THAT I MAY SEE THE BEAUTY OF THE DIVINE PERFECTION.

DAY 20: KEYS 18, 19 AND 20

Every cell in my body is animated by the cosmic urge to freedom. I turn my back upon the limitations of the past, and face courageously toward the new way which opens before me.

MY VERY FLESH IS THE SEED GROUND FOR A NEW LIFE, FREE FROM BONDAGE TO TIME AND SPACE.

DAY 21: **USE THE PATTERN ONLY**

DAY 22: **KEYS 1, 2 AND 3**

I am not deceived by the manifold illusions of sensation. I remember continually that these appearances are but reflections of a Single Reality. My subconsciousness, by its power of deductive reasoning, develops the seed of right observation into a rich harvest of wisdom.

ALERT AND CONCENTRATED, I SEE CLEARLY, MAKE CLEAR AND DEFINITE MEMORY RECORDS OF EXPERIENCE, AND THUS COLLECT MATERIAL FOR THE GROWTH OF TRUE UNDERSTANDING.

DAY 23: **KEYS 4, 5 AND 6**

The empire of the Universal Order includes the little province of my personal existence. All experience teaches me the perfection of the Great Plan. Consciously and subconsciously, I respond to the perfect Wisdom which rules all creation.

THROUGH ME THE ONE LIFE ESTABLISHES ORDER, REVEALS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVERY PHASE OF MANIFESTATION, RIGHTLY DISPOSES ALL THINGS.

DAY 24: **KEYS 7, 8 AND 9**

The One Life lives through me. Its vital fire pervades my being. Its unfailing Will sustains me continually.

THE MASTER PRINCIPLE OF THE UNIVERSE, DWELLING IN MY HEART, PURIFIES AND PERFECTS ME, AND LEADS ME TO THE HEIGHTS OF UNION WITH ITSELF.

DAY 25: **KEYS 10, 11 AND 12**

The revolutions of circumstances in the outer world are manifestations of the One Power seated in my heart. That Power maintains its perfect equilibrium through all these sequences of cause and effect. My personal activities have no existence apart from that Power.

THE WHEEL OF LIFE REVOLVES ROUND THE CENTER OF PURE SPIRIT, PRESENT EVERYWHERE, AND THEREFORE CENTERED IN MY HEART. THIS UNMOVED MOVER OF ALL CREATION IS MY UNFAILING STAY.

DAY 26: **KEYS 13, 14 AND 15**

Out of the darkness of the unknown comes the power which sets me free. The Way of Liberation stands open and free. I face this day's tests with joyful heart .

AS I DIE TO THE OLD PERSONALITY, FULL OF DELUSION, AND FACE THE UNKNOWN FUTURE BRAVELY, CONFIDENT OF SUPPLY FOR EVERY NEED, MY FEARS DISSOLVE IN THE CLEAR SUNLIGHT OF RIGHT UNDERSTANDING.

DAY 27: **KEYS 16, 17 AND 18**

Let others imprison themselves in their towers of false knowledge. I will be free! Let others dread the workings of our Mother Nature. I will love all her ways! Let others be servants of the body which they hate, because they are its slaves. I will make it my servant and love it for its faithfulness in responding to my commands!

DAY 28: **USE THE PATTERN ONLY**

You are now ready to check your progress by means of the Proficiency Test, given on the page following. This will help you summarize clearly the results of your work with TAROT FUNDAMENTALS. It will also focus all your forces for the fascinating use of Tarot taught in the next course, DEVELOPING SUPERSENSORY POWERS. Send us your replies to the Proficiency Test.

PROFICIENCY TEST

In answering these questions, type or write in ink on one side only of standard letter size paper. Put your name and address at the upper right hand corner of the first page, and number each answer to correspond to the questions. Do not copy the questions. Make your answers brief.

1. In your opinion, what are the major changes which have taken place in your personality since becoming a member of B. O. T. A?
2. What statement in The Pattern on the Trestleboard means most to you? Which seems most difficult?
3. Which number from 0 to 9 seems most important to you? Which of the 22 Keys is your favorite?
4. How does Tarot evoke thought?
5. How does Tarot help to break down old habit patterns held in subconsciousness?
6. How does one tap the Universal Memory?
7. What is the occult teaching about water as substance?
8. What is the activity of the liberating aspect of the force symbolized by Key 15?
9. What message has the 7th Tarot Key in relation to Will?
10. Why are the yods in Key 16 suspended in the air?
11. Why does the woman in Key 17 rest her foot on the surface of the pool?
12. What state of consciousness does Key 21 symbolize?
13. What is the goal of the Great Work?
14. Write a short paragraph, giving your idea of the manner in which the Cube of Space helps interpret life by means of Tarot.
15. Upon what fundamental condition does the achievement of your purpose depend?
16. Have you found that you have become more aware of your thinking and feeling processes since beginning the Tarot studies?
17. Have your spiritual aspirations been intensified?

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Many students who unite with us think that in a few months they will be given a magic wand; that by waving such a wand they can receive Cosmic Illumination, Spiritual Enlightenment, and the attainment of their hearts' desires. Such students soon drop by the wayside. To these we send our love and blessings, knowing that they were not ready for our Sacred Teachings at this time.

Your journey upon the Path has not been free from obstacles. At times the lessons, though of great help to you, required much thought and perseverance. Each Course is not a separate and distinct form of study. They are closely linked and only sincere and diligent study can bring about that Spiritual Unfoldment you seek. Each new Course is a continuation of the Holy Qabalah considered in detail and thus seemingly a little more difficult. There is no short-cut to Spiritual Illumination.

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True Spiritual maturity is willingness to learn. It is your privilege to receive this Sacred Wisdom; it is our privilege to serve as the channel which brings it to you.

May you partake with us of that Cosmic Perfection which leads to Adeptship.

With deep fraternal good wishes and blessings,

Yours in L.V.X.,

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